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Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington D.C. 20554

RE: WT PROCEEDING- No. 11-65, In the Matter of applications of AT&T and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations

Dear Commissioners:

North Dakota Farmers Union (NDFU) appreciates the opportunity to comment on AT&T's application to merge with T-Mobile USA. As the largest general farm organization in North Dakota, we represent almost 40,000 farm and ranch families. We are dedicated to protecting and enhancing the economic well-being and quality of life for families on the land and in their rural communities.

North Dakota's farmers and ranchers rank first in the production of a number of commodities, like spring and durum wheat, barley and canola. Having the ability to keep up with current technologies is a challenge due to the rural nature of our state, but it is a necessity in order to make work simpler and more productive. Better access to tools like high-speed wireless service, which the merger would provide, will allow producers in North Dakota to stay connected when in the field or out on the land.

NDFU sees significant benefits for North Dakota as a result of this proposed merger. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS UNION

  
Robert L. Carlson, President

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